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UCTE-IPS/UPS Study: Leading associations and stakeholders met in Brussels

The stakeholders of the UCTE/IPS-UPS Study that will investigate the operational feasibility of the interconnection between the 2 main electrical systems on the European continent met on 16 November in Brussels. High level representatives of the EU Commission, ministries of the main involved countries and backing organizations exchanged views 6 months after launching the study.

The personalities participating in this meeting convened for the first time by UCTE in Brussels were representing the EU Commission - that also provides a substantial part of the financing of the study - leading organizations UCTE and CDU SO of RAO, representatives of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and the Baltic countries. A representative of the EP was also invited.



“It is of utmost importance that such an project that may so substantially impact the energy markets in Europe is closely fol-

The heads of the leading organizations Martin Fuchs (l.) and Boris Ayuyev (r.) welcomed KEGOC (Kazakhstan) as a new active member in the project.

lowed by all TSO stakeholders”, said Martin Fuchs, UCTE President, as he welcomed on 16 November high-level delegations to the first meeting of the Project Representative Board. From 2002 on, the contacts taken between UCTE and CIS Electric Power Council, brought to evidence that the geographical dimension of the project, the number of countries that need to be duly involved in the project as well as the overall context of the project (e.g. EU-Russia Energy dialogue, later institutional changes in Ukraine, etc.) would call for a platform where all stakeholders of the TSO community would be informed about the progress of the study.

On the other hand, European TSOs together with their IPS/UPS colleagues are intending via this study to respond to market needs and extend their market facilitator’s role in the context of the possible creation of a never-seen before electrical system that should not jeopardize power system security conditions. TSO stakeholders that gathered in Brussels are well aware of their crucial role in case of major changes in the boundary conditions of the study.